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COSTA RICA.

Report from Limon, fruit port—Yellow fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gruver reports as follows: Week ended July 30, 1903. Census population, 4,000; number of cases of yellow fever, 2—deaths, 2; number of deaths from other causes, 4; prevailing diseases, yellow fever and hemoglobinuric fever. This latter disease, called here "black-water" fever, is, I understand, increasing in the interior. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very poor. The mortality from yellow fever this month is very high—about 59 per cent. Many of the cases have been discovered in various parts of the city just prior to death. New foci of infection are established and no adequate measures taken to prevent the spread of this disease. One case reported above occurred at the Grand Hotel, recently reopened.

It is a significant fact that no case of yellow fever has been reported from the cuartel, or jail, which previously furnished many cases, since ten days after the sleeping quarters were fumigated and made mosquito proof.

I have no means of ascertaining the exact number of cases which occur in Limon, and can form an estimate only by the cases and deaths which I know to occur.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
July 24	Hispania	22	0	0	0
24	Margherita	28	0	6	0
26	Venus	24	0	0	0
27	Adirondack	41	2	8	0
29	Preston	32	0	0	0
30	Alabama	18	0	0	0

CUBA.

Sanitary conditions.

The following is received from Minister Squiers, under date of August 1:

Sanitary conditions in the island are satisfactory with the exception of the failure of the Senate to pass the bill authorizing an expenditure of \$200,000 for a much-needed system of waterworks at Santiago. I am advised, however, that a way will be found to commence work immediately.

In spite of the stringent quarantine regulations a yellow-fever case slipped into the city from Mexico (Progreso) as an immune. The case was soon discovered and sent to quarantine. Every precaution was taken to destroy all possibly infected mosquitoes, and the places the man was known to have frequented were thoroughly fumigated. No one has been infected, as I am informed by Dr. Finlay. The Government was very energetic and has most serious views of the question of quarantine and sanitation.